

Rule Changes That Affect Qualifying and Non-Elective CE Providers Starting January 1, 2016



Recently Adopted Changes:

How this affects you:

Correspondence courses are no longer required to be offered in association with an accredited college or university.

Instead of having to jump through the hoops of getting accreditation approval from a college or university a provider may get approved to offer a correspondence course that meets the distance education course qualification requirements.

The exam passage rate benchmark is revised and provides a formula to determine the performance of providers. Providers who fall below benchmark may be placed on probation or have their license revoked.

This change will help TREC more accurately evaluate the performance of education providers. This updated information will be reflected on the Agency's website.

For purposes of determining the exam passage rate for a provider, a student will now be affiliated with the provider where the student took the majority of their course hours.

Currently a student is associated with the provider of the last course they completed. This change will help TREC better evaluate the performance of a provider.

A provider may be required to pay only one content and examination review fee for a course offered through multiple delivery methods when submitted at the same time.

This will help save time and money for providers. One streamlined application can request approval for all delivery methods. The provider will pay only one content and examination review fee.

The adult education instructor training course required beginning January 1, 2016 must now be dated within four years of the date of application, instead of five years.

Instructors must attend an 8 hour adult education instructor training course before filing an application or renewal. Instructors who show proof of current CREI, DREI, or CDEI designations or who have completed the ITI program within 4 years prior to approval or re-approval will satisfy the requirement.

Combined 60 hour real estate qualifying courses will no longer be accepted for approval.

Currently combined courses may be offered by a provider. After January 1, 2016 these courses will no longer be approved.

Final course examinations for all qualifying courses must be proctored at the test site by someone who is acceptable to the Commission or proctored through the use of technology so the student can be positively identified.

Providers must make sure that the student who completes the course and takes the exam is the student enrolled in the course.

An approved provider must obtain the approval of the Commission at least 30 days in advance of any material change in the operation of the provider.

Make sure all provider information changes are submitted to the Commission no less than 30 days of the change.

To read the full list of the rule changes please see the TREC website.